11. www.dalitstan.org

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13. http://www.nndh.com

14. http://bloodrovaltriped.com

15. http://imagessearchyahoo.com

16. http://www.imamali8.com

17. http://www.rahulyadav.com

(c) Gazette Notification dated 7th July, 2003, *inter-alia,* mentions that the websites promoting hate content, slander or defamation of others, promoting gambling, promoting racism, violence and terrorism and other such material, in addition to promoting pornography, including child pornography and violent sex can reasonably be blocked. The orders for blocking websites were issued in terms of this notification.

(d) and (e) There are 404 ISPs in the country. As per information received from various ISPs and Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI), the websites mentioned in DoT blocking order dated 13th July 2006 have been blocked.

**Breach of privacy by private operators**

1044. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private operators have been issued license to provide GSM and CDMA telecommunications services to the public;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with details of private operators providing such service, together with their area of operations, market share and earnings during the last three years-year-wise, *via-a-vis* State owned MTNL and BSNL;

(c) whether there have been incidents of breach of privacy of the customers by private operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) There are 76 Unified Access Serivce, 2 Basic Service and 63 Cellular Mobile Service Licences have been issued to privide GSM/CDMA based telecommunication services to the public.

(b) The details of revenue together with their area of operation in respect of private operators *via-a-vis* MTNL and BSNL are given in the Statement-I enclosed. (*See* below). The market share of various groups is given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) One incident of breach of privacy of customer based on allegedly forged documents was reported Regular meetings are held between Law Enforcing Agencies and Service providers to take corrective measures so that there is no breach of privacy of the customers by the private operators, Instructions for ensuring privacy of communication has been issued by the Government which *inter-alia* include the following.

**For Telephone Companies:**

— To issue acknowledgment letters to Security Agencies within two hours of the receipt of communication.

— To put in place of adequate and effective internal checks within their organizations.

— To have designated officers to receive the communication.

— Such communication to be handled by fairly senior level officers.

**For Security Agencies:**

— Only designated officers to convey the instructions for interception.

— Designated officers of the Security Agencies to deliver the letter to Service Providers.

— In emergent cases of carrying out interception.

— Post confirmation from the Competent Authority is to be provided within seven days of the issue of the orders of interception in emergent cases.

**Statement-I**

*Details of Gross Revenue of the UASL/Basic Operators during the last three years*

| Serial No. | Operators's Name | Serivce Area | Service | Gross Revenue 2003-2004 | Gross Revenue 2004-2005 | Gross Revenue 2005-06 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Tata Teleservices Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh | UASL | 3,705,235,984 | 4,766,875,288 | 5,956,613,083 | 14,428,724,265 |
| 2 | | Bihar | UASL | 0 | 28,838,705 | 411,664,277 | 440,502,982 |
| 3 | | Chennai | UASL | 0 | 1,431,327,687 | 1,993,986,320 | 3,425,314,007 |
| 4 | | Delhi | UASL1 | 1,638,009,090 | 3,135,851,387 | 5,568,206,731 | 10,342,067,208 |
| 5 | | Gujarat | UASL | 879,995,892 | 2,167,804,326 | 3,294,006,027 | 6,341,806,245 |
| 6 | | Himachal Pradesh | UASL | 0 | 3,268,358 | 62,601,814 | 65,870,172 |
| 7 | | Haryana | UASL | 0 | 17,291,866 | 434,791,250 | 452,083,116 |
| 8 | | Karnataka | UASL | 1,140,044,761 | 2,173,405,609 | 3,875,617,751 | 7,189,068,121 |
| 9 | | Kerala | UASL | 0 | 68,137,431 | 816,977,705 | 885,115,136 |
| 10 | | Madhya Pradesh | UASL | 0 | 30,396,455 | 520,980,853 | 551,377,308 |
| 11 | | Orissa | UASL | 0 | 4,186,437 | 170,639,887 | 174,826,324 |
| 12 | | Punjab | UASL | 0 | 52,886,480 | 1,018,486,256 | 1,071,372,736 |
| 13 | | Rajasthan | UASL | 0 | 35,667,699 | 497,848,901 | 533,516,600 |
| 14 | | Tamil Nadu | UASL | 1,000,676,705 | 854,099,106 | 1,537,945,497 | 3,392,721,308 |
| 15 | | Uttar Pradesh (East) | UASL | 0 | 21,470,960 | 507,100,406 | 528,571,366 |
| 16 | | Uttar Pradesh (West) | UASL | 0 | 23,481,696 | 592,297,355 | 615,779,051 |
| 17 | | West Bengal (A&N) | UASL | 0 | 1,176,175 | 234,236,927 | 244,413,102 |
| 18 | | Kolkata (M) | UASL | 0 | 55,527,089 | 1,201,228,710 | 1,256,755,799 |
| 19 | Tata Tel. Services (Mah) | Maharashtra | UASL | 5,900,325,508 | 1,912,298,241 | 3,558,461,902 | 11,371,085,651 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | | Mumbai | UASL | 0 | 6,086,355,530 | 7,234,586,853 | 13,320,942,383 |
| | Total-Tata Tele | | | 14,264,287,850 | 22,870,346,525 | 39,497,278,505 | 76,631,912,880 |
| 21 | Bharti Televentures Ltd. | Assam | UASL | 0 | 141,953 | 404,525,234 | 404,667,187 |
| 22 | | Bihar | UASL | 0 | 141,051,271 | 1,985,567,181 | 2,126,618,452 |
| 23 | | Jammu & Kashmir | UASL | 0 | 263,834,251 | 1,143,991,356 | 1,407,825,607 |
| 24 | | Orissa | UASL | 0 | 143,112,783 | 1,187,393,500 | 1,330,506,283 |
| 25 | | Uttar Pradesh (East) | UASL | 0 | 2,092,734,873 | 2,092,734,873 | 4,185,469,746 |
| 26 | | West Bengal | UASL | 0 | 199,790,129 | 938,678,870 | 1,138,468,999 |
| | Total-Bharti | | | 0 | 2,840,665,260 | 7,752,891,014 | 10,593,556,274 |
| 27 | Dishnet Wireless Ltd. | Assam | UASL | 0 | 241428,560 | 67,839,603 | 309,268,163 |
| 28 | | Bihar | UASL | 0 | 241,428,560 | - | 241,428,560 |
| 29 | | Himachal Pradesh | UASL | 0 | 241,428,560 | - | 241,428,560 |
| 30 | | Jammu & Kashmir | UASL | 0 | 241,428,560 | 6,594,883 | 248,023,443 |
| 31 | | North East | UASL | 0 | 241,428,560 | 72,749,072 | 314,177,632 |
| 32 | | Orissa | UASL | 0 | 241,428,560 | 12,518,684 | 253,947,244 |
| 33 | | West Begnal | UASL | 0 | 241,428,557 | 6,093,420 | 247,521,977 |
| | Total-Dishnet | | | 0 | 1,689,999,914 | 165,795,662 | 1,855,795,576 |
| 34 | HFCL Infotel Ltd. | Punjab | UASL | 1,902,380,534 | 2,492,432,769 | 2,792,964,748 | 7,187,778,051 |
| 35 | Shyam Telecom Ltd. | Rajasthan | UASL | 1,006,048,326 | 1,326,495,301 | 1,472,790,402 | 3,805,334,029 |
| 36 | Hutchison Essar South Ltd. | West Bengal | UASL | - | 173,511,811 | 1,107,560,996 | 1,281,072,807 |
| 37 | | Uttar Pradesh (West) | UASL | 33,899 | 262,173,448 | 1,590,920,750 | 1,853,128.097 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total-Hutch | | | 33,899 | 435,685,259 | 2,698,481,746 | 3,134,200,904 |
| 38 | Reliance Infocomm Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh | UASL | 2,313,027,047 | 3,488,141,845 | 5,219,759,374 | 11,020,928,266 |
| 39 | | Bihar | UASL | 396.008,391 | 870,167,282 | 1,468,124,960 | 2,734,300,633 |
| 40 | | Chennai | UASL | 755,528,766 | 1,960,483,928 | 1,917,865,122 | 4,633,877,816 |
| 41 | | Delhi | UASL | 3,515,039,284 | 5,742,460,050 | 8,572,492,682 | 17,829,994,016 |
| 42 | | Gujarat | UASL | 1,722,528,848 | 3,044,478,420 | 4,466,391,733 | 9,233,399,001 |
| 43 | | Himachal Pradesh | UASL | 1,173,313 | 107,941,551 | 147,699,356 | 256,814,220 |
| 44 | | Haryana | UASL | 644,769,560 | 786,905745 | 1,338,550,797 | 2,770,226,102 |
| 45 | | Jammu & Kashmir | UASL | - | 81,436,091 | 22,999,692 | 104,435,783 |
| 46 | | Karnataka | UASL | 1,647,394,409 | 2,643,677,838 | 4,515,436,929 | 8,806,509,176 |
| 47 | | Kerala | UASL | 1,189,334,032 | 3,246,755,616 | 5,371,657,256 | 9,807,746,904 |
| 48 | | Kolkata | UASL | 547,769,344 | 2,230,027,929 | 3,130,375,101 | 5,908,172,374 |
| 49 | | Madhya Pradesh | UASL | 853,527,811 | 1,358,468,561 | 2,341,720,316 | 4,553,716,688 |
| 50 | | Maharashtra | UASL | 2,842,545,644 | 2,764,709,349 | 5,177,373,771 | 10,784,628,764 |
| 51 | | Mumbai | UASL | 1,395,938,516 | 5,730,258,067 | 8,566,964,732 | 15,693,161,315 |
| 52 | | Orissa | UASL | 272,543,212 | 570,910,061 | 880,538,489 | 1,723,991,762 |
| 53 | | Punjab | UASL | 1,224,207,961, | 2,067,103,015 | 2,581,696,923 | 5,873,007,899 |
| 54 | | Rajasthan | UASL | 714,903,992 | 1,414,391,319 | 2,5655,387,055 | 4,784,682,366 |
| 55 | | Tamil Nadu | UASL | 1,938,080,201 | 2,036,775,068 | 2,943,694,768 | 6,918,550,037 |
| 56 | | Uttar Pradesh (East) | UASL | 1,278,229,383 | 1,892,468,410 | 3,294,639,373 | 6,465,337,166 |
| 57 | | Uttar Pradesh (West) | UASL | 715,960,198 | 1,351,633,411 | 2,567,495,247 | 4,635,088,856 |
| 58 | | West Bengal | UASL | 735,560,860 | 485,847,668 | 940,878,508 | 2,162,287,036 |
| | Total-Reliance | | | 24,704,070,772 | 43,875,041,224 | 68,121,744,184 | 136,700,856,180 |
| | Total-UAS Licences | | | 41,876,821,381 | 75,530,666,252 | 122,501,946,261 | 39,909,433,894 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | Bharti Infotel Ltd. | Delhi | BASIC | 1,281,377,823 | 1,010,320,229 | — | 2,291,698,052 |
| 60 | | Haryana | BASIC | 1,070,049,417 | 718,925,199 | — | 1,788,974,616 |
| 61 | | Karnataka | BASIC | 1,269,011,025 | 1,020,661,060 | — | 2,289,672,085 |
| 62 | | Madhya Pradesh | BASIC | 2,551,751,757 | 1,864,710,640 | — | 4,416,462,397 |
| 63 | | Tamil Nadu | BASIC | 1,589,944,903 | 1,152,536,419 | — | 2,742,481,322 |
| 64 | MTNL | Delhi Mumbai | BASIC | 64,968,271,676 | 58,655,863,858 | 54,907,126,898 | 178,531,262,432 |
| 65 | BSNL | All India | BASIC | 316,437,390,160 | 319,987,841,875 | 330,240,496,193 | 966,665,728,227 |
| | **Total-BASIC Licencees** | | | **389,167,796,761** | **384,410,859,280** | **385,147,623,091** | **1,158,726,279,131** |
| 66 | MTNL-CMTS | | CMTS | 1,881,254,676 | 2,880,777,715 | 6,002,853,592 | 10,764,885,983 |
| 67 | BSNL-CMTS | | CMTS | 22,748,509,840, | 40,913,058,125, | 71,525,303,807 | 135,186,871,773 |
| | Total-CMTS Licencees | | | 24,629,764,516 | 43,793,835,840 | 77,528,157,399 | 145,951,757,756 |
| | Grand Total-UASL, BASIC & CMTS | | | 455,674,382,658 | 503,735,361,372 | 585,177,726,751 | 1,544,587,470,781 |

Note: figures are based on the available records.

*Detail of Gross Revenue of Private CMTS/UASL operators during last three years*

| Sl. No. | Operator | Service Area | Service | Gross Revenue 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | Haryana | CMTS | 130,984,174 | 622,232,403 | 1,241,383,938 | 1,994,60,0,515 |
| 2 | Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | Rajasthan | CMTS | 333,309,958 | 1,159,600,972 | 2,161,596,440 | 3,654,507,370 |
| 3 | Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | UP (East) | CMTS | 1,486,320,291 | 3,054,007,802 | 4,726,034,719 | 9,266,362,812 |
| 4 | Aircel Cellular Ltd. | Chennai | CMTS | 1,737,175,083 | 2,370,527,494 | 3,368,197,757 | 7,475,900,334 |
| 5 | Aircel Ltd. | T.N. | CMTS | 2,803,132,508 | 4,062,760,860 | 7,694,531,893 | 14,560,425,261 |
| 6 | Bharti Hexacom Ltd. | Rajasthan | CMTS | 1,465,454,202 | 2,247,576,160 | 3,980,962,710 | 7,693,993,072 |
| 7 | Bharti Hexacom Ltd. | N.E. | CMTS | — | 100,656 | 74,316,923 | 74,417,579 |
| 8 | BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. | Kerala | CMTS | 899,221,032 | 1,148,438,466 | 1,225,745,465 | 3,273,404,963 |
| 9 | BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. | Maharashtra | CMTS | 1,572,667,190 | 2,156,117,846 | 2,692,244,527 | 6,421,029,563 |
| 10 | BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. | T.N. | CMTS | 1,339,827,647 | 1,356,893,284 | 1,418,056,135 | 4,114,777,066 |
| 11 | BPL Mobile Comm. Ltd. | Mumbai | CMTS | 4,617,876,681 | 5,382,791,269 | 5,843,484,490 | 15,844,152,440 |
| 12 | BTA Cellcom Ltd. | M.P. | CMTS | 1,314,969,551 | 2,140,276,019 | 2,728,920,283 | 6,184,165,853 |
| 13 | Escorts Telecom. Ltd. | H.P. | CMTS | 21,559 | — | 64,677 | 86,236 |
| 14 | Escorts Telecom. Ltd. | Rajasthan | CMTS | 632.083 | — | 116,868 | 748,951 |
| 15 | Escorts Telecom. Ltd. | UP (East) | CMTS | 886,878 | — | 41,586 | 928,464 |
| 16 | Fascel Ltd. | Gujarat | CMTS | 6,098,150,420 | 8,547,910,422 | 10,816,676,689 | 25,462,737,531 |
| 17 | Hutch Essar Telecom Ltd. | Delhi | CMTS | 7,714,493,397 | 9,752,935,403 | 11,295,800,880 | 28,763,229,680 |
| 18 | Hutch Max Ltd | Mumbai | CMTS | 10,429,168,863 | 13,921,866,289 | 15,095,823,797 | 39,446,858,949 |
| 19 | Hutch Essar East Ltd | Kolkata | CMTS | 2,979,940,487 | 3,949,146,486 | 4,799,916,036 | 11,729,003,009 |
| 20 | Hutch Essar South Ltd | AP | CMTS | 809,695,775 | 1,989,598,374 | 3,558,580,681 | 6,357,874,830 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Hutch Essar South Ltd | Chennai | CMTS | 864,194,540 | 1,493,263,221 | 2,777,443,407 | 5,134,901,168 |
| 22 | Hutch Essar South Ltd | Karnataka | CMTS | 1,442,233,522 | 3,349,611,915 | 4,827,294,871 | 9,619,140,308 |
| 23 | Hutch Essar South Ltd | Punjab | CMTS | 34,210 | 524,294,343 | 1,899.081,209 | 2,423,409,762 |
| 24 | Idea Cellular Ltd | AP | CMTS | 2,584,254,282 | 3,132,800,127 | 3,978,512,636 | 9.695.567.045 |
| 25 | Idea Cellular Ltd | Delhi | CMTS | 2,164,450,920 | 3,217,884,565 | 4,386,796,311 | 9,769,131,796 |
| 26 | Idea Cellular Ltd | Gujarat | CMTS | 2,332,754,521 | 3,137,044,926 | 3,593,683,400 | 9,063,482,847 |
| 27 | Idea Cellular Ltd | Maharashtra | CMTS | 4,717,564,777 | 6,919,859,341 | 8,241,579,048 | 19,879,003,166 |
| 28 | Idea Mobile Comm Ltd | Haryana | CMTS | 726,185,195 | 729,504,967 | 1,073,664,802 | 2,529,354,964 |
| 29 | Idea Mobile Comm Ltd | Kerala | CMTS | 1,708,686,414 | 2,204,123,179 | 2,947,934,028 | 6,860,743,621 |
| 30 | Idea Mobile Comm Ltd | UP (West) | CMTS | 2,020,103,601 | 2,671,882,700 | 3,564,172,723 | 8,256,159,024 |
| 31 | Reliable Internet Ltd | Kolkata | CMTS | — | 540,640 | 31,787,732 | 32,328,372 |
| 32 | Reliance Telecome Ltd | Assam | CMTS | 348,887,586 | 514,508,052 | 940,319,395 | 1,803,715,033 |
| 33 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | Bihar | CMTS | 1,178,444,370 | 1,427,386,918 | 1,960,304,448 | 4,566,135,736 |
| 34 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | H.P. | CMTS | 68,426,908 | 73,647,597 | 146,741,351 | 288,815,856 |
| 35 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | M.P. | CMTS | 938,543,592 | 1,144,919,684 | 1,751,732,737 | 3,835,196,013 |
| 36 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | N.E. | CMTS | 74,940,537 | 109,624,790 | 270,647,595 | 455,212,922 |
| 37 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | Orissa | CMTS | 452,090,427 | 570,628,538 | 700,552,666 | 1,723,271,631 |
| 38 | Reliance Telecom Ltd | W.B. | CMTS | 550,630,146 | 691,252,250 | 820,473,300 | 2,062,355,696 |
| | Total-purely CMTS | | | 67,906,353,327 | 95,775,557,958 | 126,635,218,153 | 290,317,129,438 |
| 1 | Bharti Televentures Ltd. | AP | UASL | 3,143,843,997 | 4,999,743,186 | 4,726,034,719 | 12,869,621,902 |
| 2 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Chennai | UASL | 2,361,324,372 | 4,048,510,071 | 6,661,323,678 | 13,071,158,121 |
| 3 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Delhi | UASL | 10,169,261,015 | 14,629,620,786 | 20,558,536909 | 45,357,418,710 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Gujarat | UASL | 671,719,765 | 1,820,676,692 | 2,682,649,050 | 5,175,045,507 |
| 5 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | H.P. | UASL | 350,696,058 | 789,351,177 | 1,533,754,129 | 2,673,801,364 |
| 6 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Haryana | UASL | 596,753,871 | 1,203,537,869 | 1,644,252,711 | 3,444,544,451 |
| 7 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Karnataka | UASL | 5,016,061,019 | 9,215,963,611 | 11,659,198,511 | 25,891,223,141 |
| 8 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Kerala | UASL | 659,717,905 | 1,722,402,412 | 2,501,448,295 | 4,883,568,612 |
| 9 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Kolkata | UASL | 1,884,551,010 | 2,584,780,784 | 3,107,567,728 | 7,576,899,522 |
| 10 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | M.P. | UASL | 414,423,096 | 1,736,062,680 | 1,542,809,276 | 3,693,295,052 |
| 11 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Maharashtra | UASL | 1,304,699,354 | 2,905,564,642 | 4,591,788,852 | 8,802,052,848 |
| 12 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Mumbai | UASL | 2,175,510,406 | 4,057,750,872 | 6,258,466,523 | 12,491,727,801 |
| 13 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | Punjab | UASL | 3,550,857,140 | 6,264,835,980 | 6,319,252,395 | 16,134,945,515 |
| 14 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | T.N. | UASL | 640,283,113 | 1,657,217,385 | 3,753,831,727 | 6,051,332,225 |
| 15 | Bharti Televentures Ltd | UP (West) | UASL | 673,592,229 | 1,445,844,908 | 2,086,314,606 | 4,205,751,743 |
| 16 | Spice Comm. Ltd | Punjab | UASL | 3,738,972,342 | 4,686,749,229 | 5,337,671,177 | 13,763,392,748 |
| 17 | Spice Comm. Ltd | Karnataka | UASL | 1,732,701,672 | 1,712,726,335 | 1,623,022,798 | 5,068,450,805 |
| | Total-purely UASL | | | 22,388,123,157 | 39,193,436,707 | 50,425,624,599 | 112,007,184,463 |
| | Total | | | 90,294,476,484 | 134,968,994,665 | 177,060,842,752 | 402,324,313,901 |

Note:—1. All UASL licensees are CMTS licensees migrated to UASL.

2. Figures are based on records available.

***Statement-II***

*Market share of various groups*

| Operators | Market Share 2004 | Market Share 2005 | Market Share 2006 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BSNL | 54% | 47.00% | 38.82% |
| MTNL | 6% | 5.24% | 4.17% |
| Reliance Group | 10% | 11.00% | 14.39% |
| Bharti Group/Hexacom | 9% | 11.25% | 15.72% |
| Hutchison Group | 6% | 12.00% | 13.74% |
| IDEA | 5% | 5.00% | 5.18% |
| Tata Teleservices Ltd. | 2% | 3.73% | 6.25% |
| Spice | 2% | 1.45% | 1.36% |
| HFCL Infotel Ltd. | 0.16% | 0.25% | 0.22% |
| Shyam telelink Ltd. | 0.20% | 0.19% | 0.14% |
| BPL Group | 3% | 2.00% | 2.00% |
| Aircel Group | 2% | 3.00% | 3.00% |

**Note:** The above share is based on the number of subscribers reported by the private and public sector Licensees.

**STD/ISD/PCO booths in Sikkim**

1045. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of STD/ISD/PCOs etc. running in the various districts of North-Eastern Region at present, district-wise/State-wise;

(b) the number of such booths proposed to bet set up in the NER particularly in the State of Sikkim during the current year, district-wise;

(c) the details of amount spent during the last three years on the installation of booths in the state; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, as on 30-06-2006 a total of 36,420 STD/ISD/PCOs and 8,955 local PCOs provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), are running in various districts of North Eastern Region. Besides these 1,750 STD/ISD/PCOs